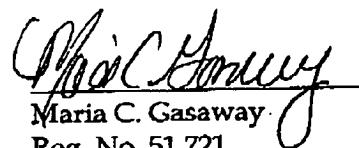


subject to an obligation of assignment to Owens Corning Fiberglass Technology, Inc. of Summit, Illinois. Further, the Applicants note that the Tilton et al. reference is only available as prior art under 35 USC 102(e), (f) and/or (g). As a result, the Tilton et al. reference is disqualified as prior art under 35 USC 103(c).

As a consequence, there is no outstanding substantive rejection of pending claims 1 and 5-9 in the present application. Accordingly, these claims should be allowed and the Examiner should issue a formal Notice of Allowance. Upon careful review and consideration it is believed the Examiner will agree with this proposition.

Any fees required in connection with this Response may be debited to Deposit Account 50-0568.

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